

Belmont Public Library



**Transitions and
Changes**

**FY15
Highlights*_{ytd}**

**FY16
Plans**

FY15 Highlights

Something for Everyone at the Library

- ✓ 68% of residents have a library card.
- ✓ 20% of Belmont households are using Library databases. Database usage up 10% (220,000 views ytd)
- ✓ 22% increase in downloadable E-content usage (books, movies, music).
- ✓ Circulation on track to be over 500,000 again this year, even with the 10 separate days needing to close over the winter for snow / heating failures.
- ✓ Children's' programming increased 6% (335 programs) with attendance also increasing by 2% up to about 12,000
- ✓ Children's accounted for 66% of all visits for programming so far this year

FY15 Highlights

- ✓ 700 children participated in the 2014 summer reading program. Expanding this summer to include evenings for increased access and participation.
 - ✓ Expanded programs for teens - “Homework & Hot Chocolate”, 3D printing in “Einstein's Workshop”, monthly Otakurabu programs focused on anime, manga, and Japanese snacks!
 - ✓ 1 full day STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) program offered to Teens with robotics, animation.
 - ✓ Young Adult Librarian continued meeting with Middle and High School Librarians to ensure successful implementation of our shared resources.
 - ✓ One-on-One appointments now available with Reference Staff members for technology instruction, for help with web content, databases, and devices.
 - ✓ Value Line Investment Research Center was added, plus training classes being offered to teach patrons how to use these new financial sites most successfully.
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FY15 Highlights

- ✓ 700+ reference Ebooks added to the digital reference collection.
 - ✓ 10 new laptops for computer instruction programs and 18 new Kindle Paperwhites stocked with hundreds of best sellers. Thank you to the Friends!
 - ✓ Friends of the Library donated over 1000 books to Belmont Schools.
 - ✓ CPA Grant approved to start digitizing local newspapers from 1890-1923.
 - ✓ All ground floor entrances are now handicap accessible. Plans for a major repair and update of the existing elevator are underway.
 - ✓ Using Facebook? So are we. Our Facebook following increased 500% this past year. Our Instagram account is growing every day too.
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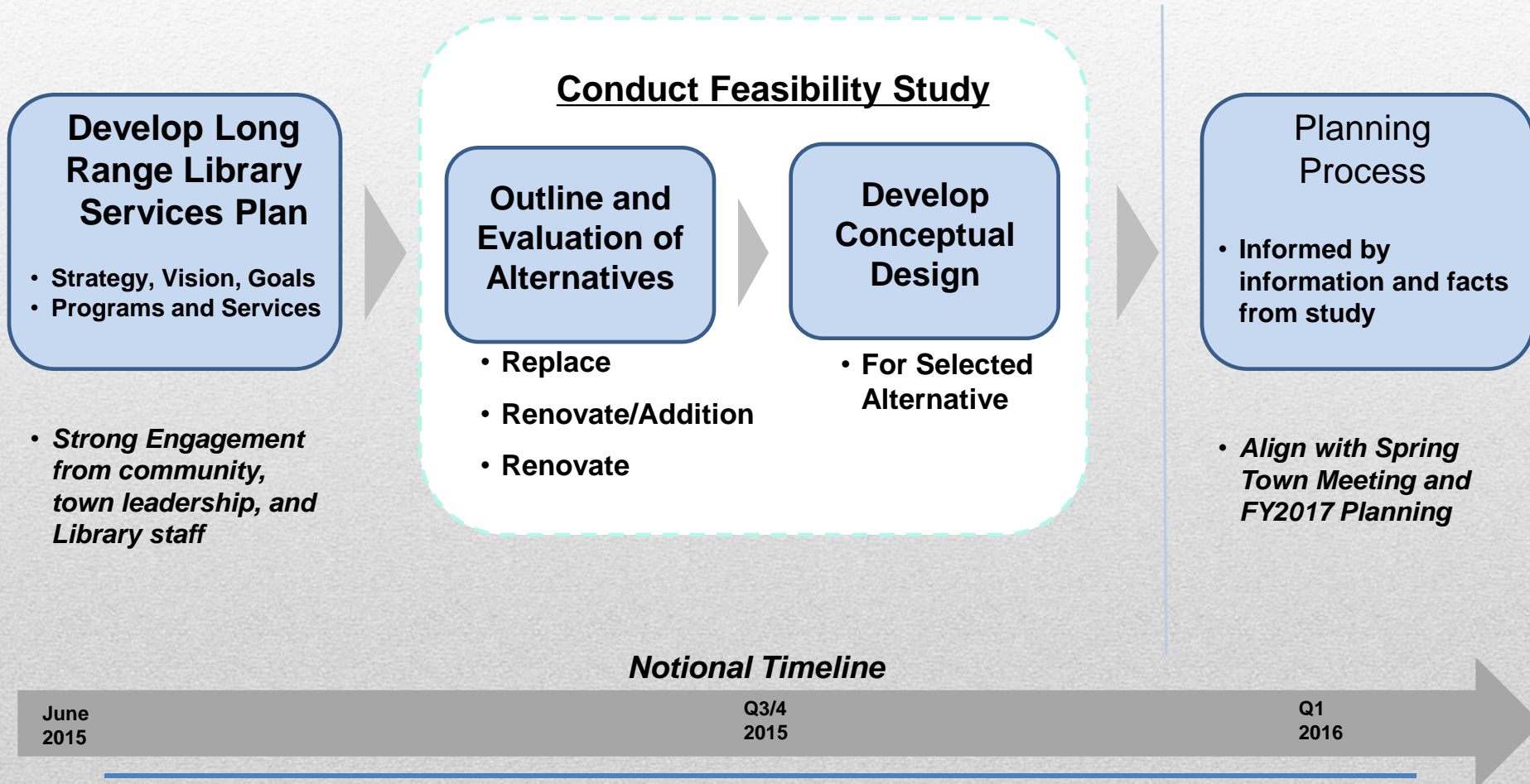
FY16 Plans

- ✓ Implement consolidation of facilities management. Focused on streamlined services and fiscal responsibility.
 - ✓ Continued emphasis and expansion of targeted programs to children, young adults, seniors, and families.
 - 1 Book 1 Belmont will be back in 2016! Great success in FY14, cosponsored with 12 other departments and community organizations.
 - New Partnerships with Schools and Senior Center.
 - ✓ Continued support of the “Maker Movement” and creative programming focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM)
 - ✓ Goal of further integrating library services with the community, with continued and increased community involvement, enhanced partnerships, and enriched joint programming with other departments.
 - ✓ A new website – focused on usability, easy access to information, and innovative design.
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Why a Feasibility Study? **FY16 Plans**

- Responsible, prudent and proactive planning. Perform the assessment to inform longer term investment.
 - State of current building such that it we will require significant investment in the facilities over the forthcoming years.
 - 50 year old building; major systems original to building.
 - Potential and needed repairs (required and necessary)
 - New heating system – current system failed 6 times this winter resulting in Library closures
 - New AC – current system 20+ years
 - Roofing repairs required; roof not built to support AC unit which also needs required repairs.
 - Asbestos tiling (moved up to FY15 project)
 - Existing fire alarm system in need of upgrades. No fire suppression system.
 - Needed enhancements in electrical service and outlets
 - Front steps and stairs....
 - Capital Budget and repair forecasts leveraging 10 year old estimates from our last feasibility study in 2004.
 - Building is not ADA compatible. ADA is law. Requirement to comply with MAAB is triggered if aggregate investment in permitted work exceeds \$ 1.2 m over a running 3 year period.
 - Scope of Feasibility Study: Replace, Renovate/ Addition, Renovate and Interim Housing
 - Positions town to consider if they wish to participate in MBLC grant round anticipated 2016/2017
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Integrated and Phased Approach to Outline Strategic Needs for Programs and Service which then informs building needs



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